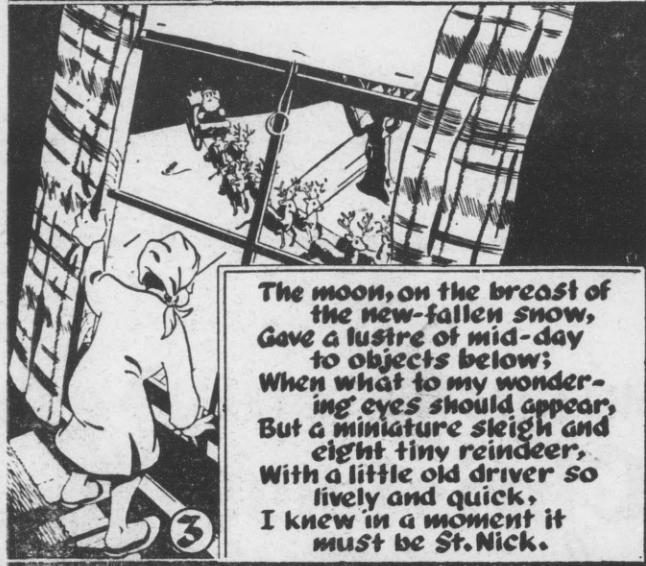
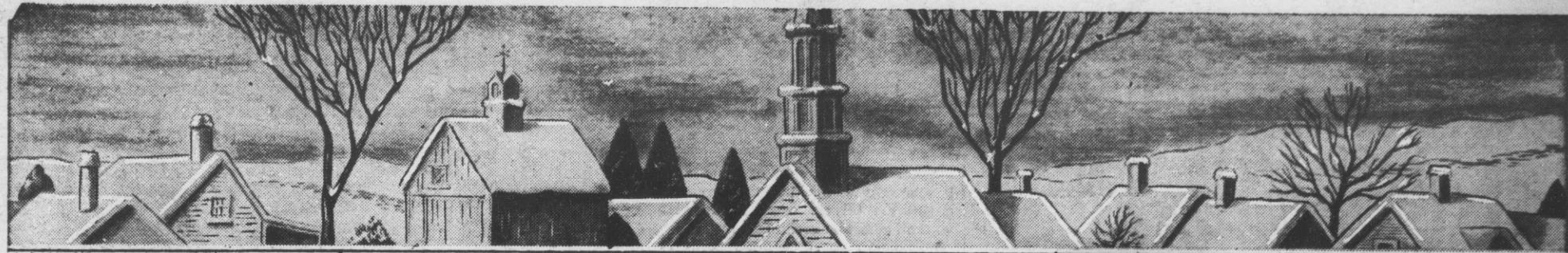


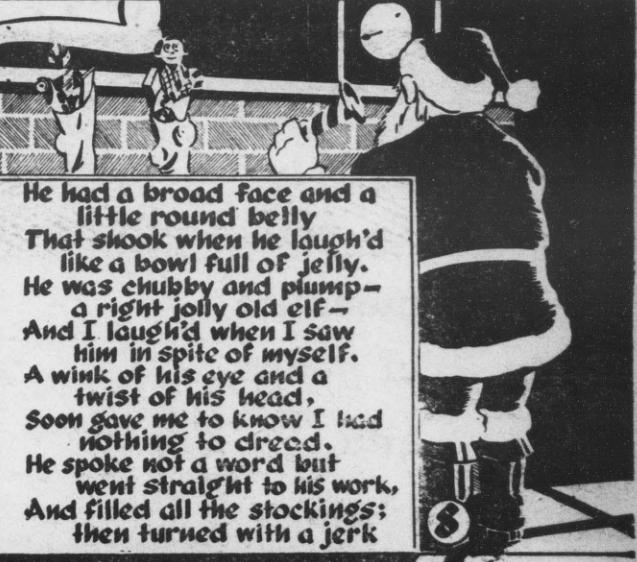
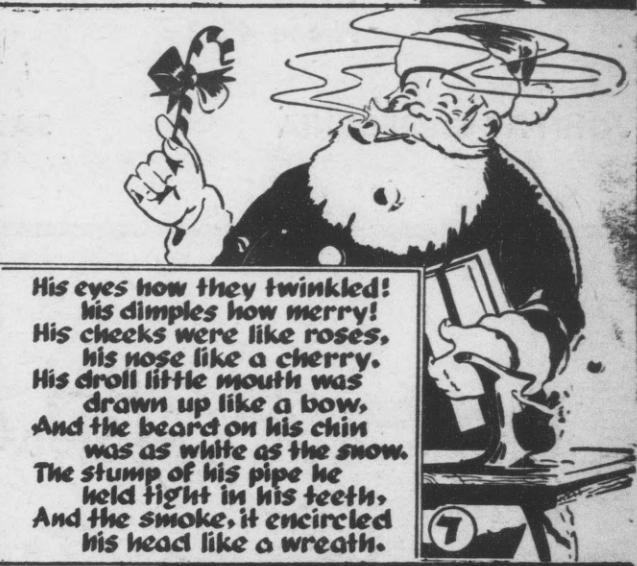
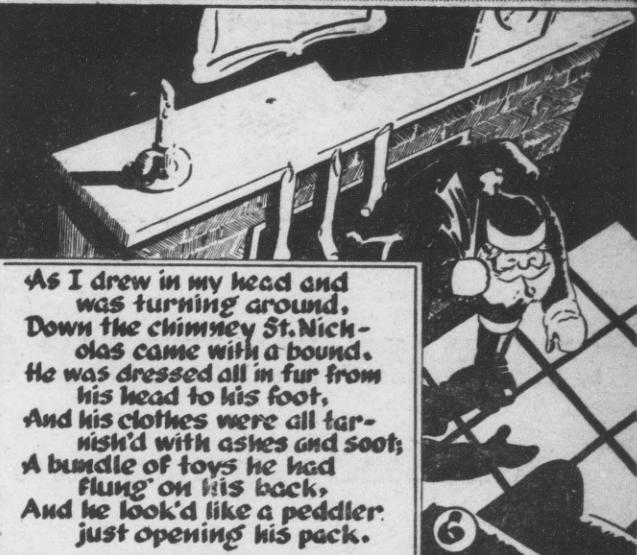
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and the Affiliated Unions of the American Federation of Labor Extend

## SEASON'S GREETINGS



'Twas the night before Christmas,  
when all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring,  
not even a mouse;  
The stockings were hung by  
the chimney with care,  
In hopes that St. Nicholas  
soon would be there;  
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While visions of sugar-plums  
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According to St. Jerome, candles are used by the Church not so much as a means of dispelling or conquering darkness, but rather as an expression of Christian joy. •

### Battle

Trade unionists, like everyone else, occasionally lapse into the comfortable habit of thinking that they can take it easy in their battle for social justice; that their leaders can win the battle for them.

The truth is that the battle of trade unionism, like every other battle that is worth fighting, is never won. It is likewise true that the battle is never lost, so long as there exist men unafraid to stand up for their rights.

So it is in the conscience of men's minds where the battle to achieve an inner harmony must be won every day; so it is, too, in the larger sphere of world affairs, in the battle for world order.

Gen. Eisenhower expressed this thought admirably when he said:

"The inner peace of a well integrated life is something that must continually be achieved; the outer peace of a world in which the nations live together in a spirit of brotherhood is something that must be continually earned."

Clean Battery Terminals.—Corroded terminals, where the cable attaches to the automobile battery post, frequently are found to be the cause of hard starting. This condition is usually the result of neglect. All battery terminals should be clean and tight, and coated with vaseline or grease to prevent corrosion.

### The Beefer

There's one in every local,  
You know the type we mean:  
The Guy that's always beefin'  
Yet at meetings never seen.  
He's always causing trouble  
And has a lot to say,  
But is never at a meeting,  
From them stays away!  
He puts the local on the pan,  
It never does what's right;  
But when we hold a meeting  
This "bird" is not in sight.  
He's always spreading rumors,  
And this we must contend:  
Yet when we hold a meeting  
We shout he should attend.  
He claims his right to talk,  
Says it is just and fair;  
But the place is at the meeting  
So we urge him to be there.

### Illness, Accidents Cause Absenteeism

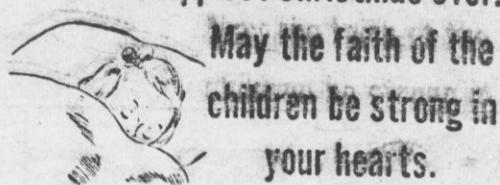
Washington.—Illness and off-the-job accidents accounted for three-fifths of the absenteeism reported for manufacturing workers in 1947, according to the Monthly Labor Review, official publication of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

These findings were based upon a survey of absenteeism in 246 manufacturing plants, conducted jointly by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Social Security Administration, and the United States Public Health Service.

Thought for Today: The best way to save face is to keep the lower end of it closed.



Let a holiday spirit prevail, and giver and receiver alike cherish the happiest Christmas ever.



May the faith of the children be strong in your hearts.

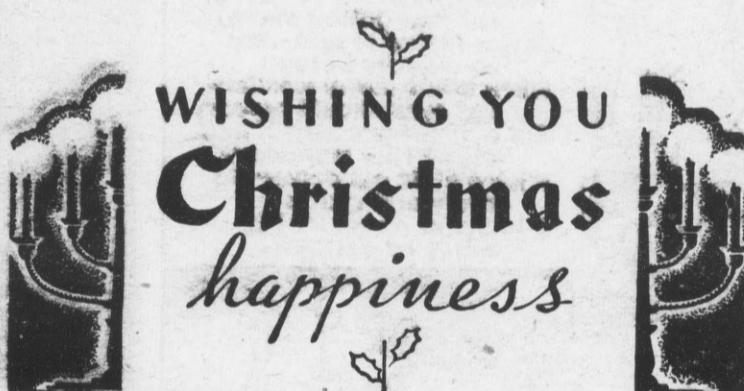
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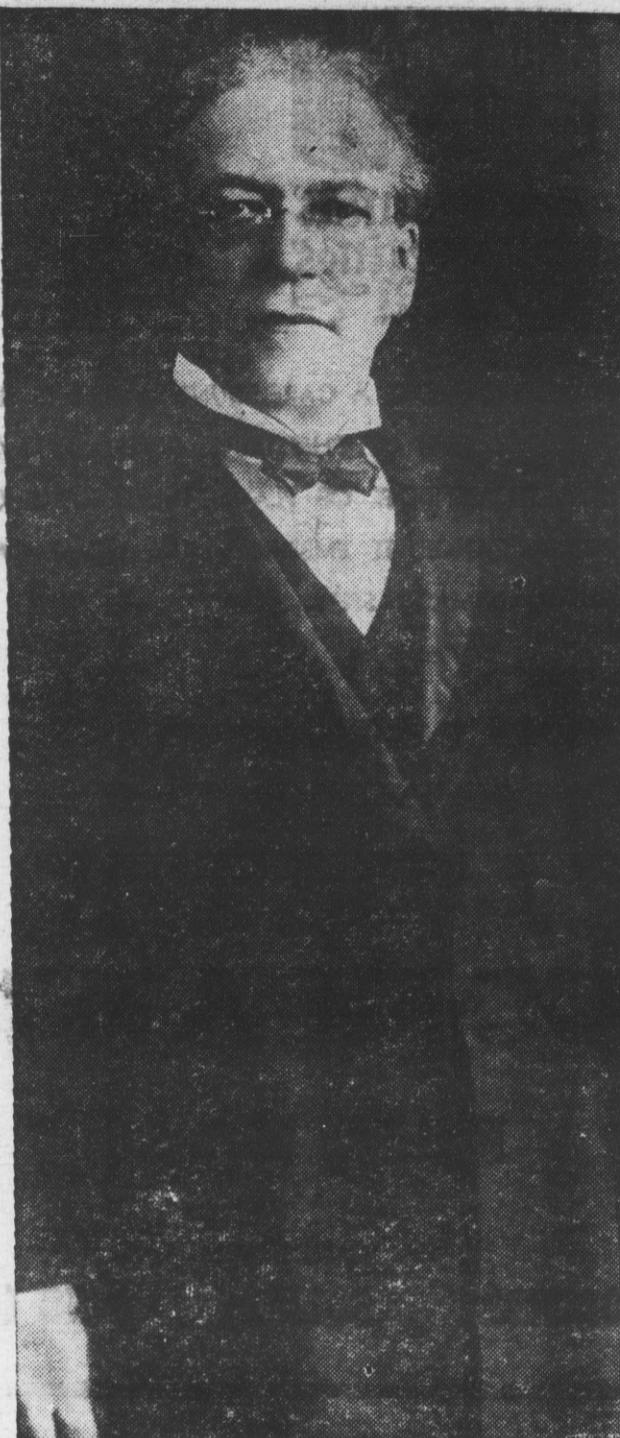
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## President Gompers



Washington.—Samuel Gompers, founder and first president of the American Federation of Labor, posed for this photograph while at the zenith of his career as the nation's foremost labor leader. The AFL is celebrating this year the centenary of his birth, on Jan. 27, 1850, in London, England.

## When Is a Worker Too Old for Job?

Older workers are again being hit the hardest by unemployment, the Federal Security Agency reported this week. It declared that pre-war prejudices against men over 45 are reappearing widely at factory gates and business offices.

The layoff rate among the older men is somewhat less than the younger, but once those over 45 are let out they have a fair more difficult time landing new jobs, the agency explained.

"It is quite customary to restrict hiring of new workers to those under 40 or 45 years of age, without taking into account the physical and mental capacity of the individual worker," the agency pointed out.

Condemning this artificial age barrier, the agency declared that it "does a great disservice to those who, regardless of age, continue to be as well or better qualified by experience and capacities than the younger workers."

The agency, however, cited the encouraging fact that in union plants seniority provisions of collective bargaining contracts bolster job stability for the older workers.

## Light an Accidents

In one company accidents in the punch press department dropped 54 per cent when the average illumination was raised from 2 foot-candles to 19 foot-candles at the work level. In another plant, a rise to 30 foot-candles from 8 caused a drop of 11 per cent in the accident rate. Opinions of some authorities are that poor vision (defective eyes and poor lighting) are responsible for from 15 to 25 per cent of industrial accidents.

## Costs Too Much

Don't blame the farmer because your food bill is big.

It's not what he makes that runs up the price of groceries; it's the cost of handling the foodstuffs after they have left the farm.

New York City furnishes the best example of marketing costs. Products from 44 states are handled there every day. Agriculture Department specialists have told the House Agriculture Committee that 55 cents out of every dollar a New York housewife pays for fruits and vegetables is the cost of handling those commodities after they reach the city.

Many big city markets where perishables are handled use the same methods they employed 150 years ago. This, plus the fact that railroads and truckers have raised their rates since the war, takes a huge bite out of the consumer's pocketbook.

Last year, for instance, it cost \$18.2 million to market the U. S. food supply. That was more than double the cost in 1939.

## The Dawning

We are living at the dawning  
Of a frowning, awful age;  
Some are cursing, some are fawning,

Some are half insane with rage,  
Some are lazy in luxury,  
Some are naked and half fed,  
Some suppressing blind fury,  
Some with hearts and hope half dead.

This cannot go on forever;  
Millions will not groan in vain.  
Do not think the worm will never  
Turn and fight when blind with  
pain.

There must come a reformation:  
Men must do their neighbor good.  
Only two roads for this nation—  
To prosperity, or blood.

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## The Bridge

"An old man, traveling a lone highway,  
Came at the evening, cold and gray,  
To a chasm deep and wide.  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,  
For the sullen stream had no fears for him;  
But he turned when he reached the other side,  
And builded a bridge to span the tide.

"Old Man," cried a fellow pilgrim near,  
"You are wasting your strength  
with building here;  
Your journey will end with the  
ending day  
And you never again will pass this  
way;  
You have crossed the chasm, deep  
and wide,  
Why build you a bridge at even-  
tide?"

"And the builder raised his old  
gray head—  
'Good friend, on the path I have  
come,' he said,  
'There followeth after me today  
A youth whose feet will pass this  
way.  
This stream which has been as  
naught to me,  
To that fair-haired boy may a pit-  
fall be;  
He, too, must cross in the twilight  
dim—  
Good friend, I am building this  
bridge for him!'

"My wife says if I don't chuck  
golf, she'll leave me."  
"I say—hard luck!"  
"Y-yes, I'll miss her."



To test your Christmas spirit and knowledge, the following questions are given. You should answer half of them in order to pass.

1. Who wrote "The Night Before Christmas"?

2. What story contains the following: a miserly old man?

3. Where is Christmas island?

4. Who wrote "White Christmas"?

5. In what country was mistletoe first worn around the neck to prevent sickness?

6. What does the Saxon word "hæl" or "be in health" mean in connection with a Christmas custom?

7. An old Christmas superstition starts "A warm Christmas means . . ." How does it end?

8. Who is Quetzalcoatl?

9. What plant, a thorny one, traditionally blooms only at Christmas time?

10. Until her death what song did Mme. Schumann-Heink always sing on Christmas Eve?

11. What is the literal meaning of "Christmas"?

12. Where are the remains of St. Nicholas of Myra buried?

## Living Costs

With living costs at an all-time high and the purchasing power of workers' dollars near an all-time low, despite nominally high wage scales, the future is far from promising. Food and shelter have become so exorbitant that many workers cannot afford to buy clothes. Hardly a family can claim to be well fed, well clothed, well sheltered. Hardly one of us isn't lacking in clothes, shoes and the hundred-and-one other commodities supposed to be "essentials" in the American way of life! Most certainly the stage is set for a flooding of our markets with the cheaply produced and cheaply priced products of European and Asiatic slave economy systems!

## Richmond Strike Fines

Martinez.—The Contra Costa county local of the Oil Workers Int'l. Union (CIO) has been found guilty of picketline violence during the 1948 strike, which was broken with the use of scabs. The local was fined \$500 and 31 members \$10 to \$25 each by Judge Benjamin C. Jones. He ruled that the international union was not responsible for the disturbances.

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## Metabolism Test Shows Body Efficiency

By DR. ELMER RICHMAN  
for Labor Press Associates

The human body works as long as there is life. The lungs drain air of its oxygen fuel and keep the body furnace stoked. Internal glands pour out the chemicals that digest food. Body cells are constantly being repaired and replaced.

Even when the body is apparently resting, all this machinery keeps going. Heat and energy are still produced. This fact has been most important in the development of a test to measure the general efficiency of the body machinery—its ability to perform the work required of it.

This test has a specific name—the basal metabolism test.

### OXYGEN CONSUMED

A fire cannot burn without oxygen. Likewise, a living body cannot perform work unless oxygen is being supplied to it. The more active the body cells are, the more oxygen is being used up. Measuring the amount of oxygen consumed can help determine the intensity of body activity.

The amount of energy produced when the body is apparently at rest is called "basal" metabolism.

The normal basal metabolism rate is different for each person. It depends upon the sex, the age, weight and other similar factors. A basal metabolism of "p.e. plus 10" means that the energy production is 10 percent higher than the calculated normal for this particular person. A basal metabolism of "p.e. minus 15" means that the metabolism is 15 percent lower than expected. The range between plus 10 and minus 10 is considered within normal limits.

### RATE OF ENERGY

The rate of energy production is governed by the thyroid gland, a ductless gland that produces "thyroxin". The basal metabolism test determines the efficiency of this gland and whether or not thyroxin is being produced in the necessary quantity.

If the thyroid is overactive, the basal metabolism will be increased. But a p.e. plus 10 or more does not necessarily indicate the presence of a goitre. (A goitre, as you have seen, is an enlargement of the thyroid gland itself, causing a swelling on the front part of the neck.)

If the thyroid on the other hand is falling down on the job, the basal metabolism is low. Sometimes persons with a low p.e. are sluggish and tired and cannot produce enough energy to carry on ordinary daily tasks.

### A BASIC TEST

The basal metabolism test itself is given in the morning. The patient will lie down for a while in order to reach a state of "rest." No food must be eaten for eight hours before the test because the process of digestion requires additional energy. The patient lies down on a table and breathes oxygen from a container. The rate at which the patient consumes oxygen is recorded and the amount of oxygen is measured.

Such a seemingly simple test is still accurate enough to help the physician detect even minor early disturbances of the thyroid gland. The basal metabolism test is today a necessary and required part of every physical examination, not only for the diagnosis of disease or impairment of some of the body machinery. Equally important is its function in indicating the efficiency with which the body can generate heat and energy and maintain itself in a state of good health and well-being.

### Attentive Driving

Sightseeing as you drive makes the trip worth while, but not at the expense of traffic safety. Don't let the scenery distract your attention from your main job, safe driving.

Breathing through the nose is good for the health—besides helping keep you out of trouble by keeping your mouth shut.

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THERE'S A TIME and place for everything, including ogling at the gals. But it's not when you are handling dangerous machinery. Elmer Blurb, the joe in the Pete Smith movie shorts, demonstrates what not to do in the above picture, a Labor Department safety reminder.

## Shaw's Classic Remarks on Poverty and Insecurity

By GEORGE BERNARD SHAW  
(From introduction to "Major Barbara")

Security, the chief pretense of civilization, cannot exist where the worst of dangers, the danger of poverty, hang over everyone's head, and where the alleged protection of our persons against violence is only an accidental result of the existence of a police force whose real business is to force the poor man to see his children starve whilst the money that might feed and clothe them goes to overfed pet dogs.

In silly levity we tolerate poverty as if it were either a wholesale tonic for lazy people or else a virtue to be embraced. If a man is indolent, let him be poor. If he is drunken, let him be poor. If he is not a gentleman, let him be poor. If he is addicted to the fine arts or pure science instead of to trade and finance, let him be poor. If he chooses to spend his wages on his beer and his family instead of saving it up for his old age, let him be poor. Let nothing be done for the "undeserving"; let him be poor. Serve him right! Also—somewhat inconsistently—blessed are the poor!

Now what does this let him be poor mean? It means let him be weak. Let him be ignorant. Let him become a nucleus of disease. Let him be a standing exhibition and an example of ugliness and dirt. Let him have rickety children. Let him be cheap and drag his fellows down to his own price by selling himself to do their work. Let his habitation turn our cities into poisonous congeries of slums. Let his daughters infect our young men and his sons revenge by turning the nation's manhood into scrofula, cowardice, cruelty, hypocrisy, political imbecility, and all the other fruits of oppression and malnutrition.

Let the undeserving become still less deserving; and let the deserving lay up for himself, not treasures in heaven, but horrors in hell upon earth. This being so, is it really wise to let him be poor? Would he not do ten times less harm as a prosperous burglar, incendiary, or murderer to the utmost limits of humanity's comparatively negligible impulses in these directions?

Suppose we were to abolish all penalties for such activities and decide that poverty is the one thing we will not tolerate—that every adult with less than 1,000 pounds a year shall be painlessly and inexorably killed, and every hungry half-naked child forcibly fattened and clothed, would that not be an enormous improvement on our existing system, which has already destroyed so many civilizations, and is visibly destroying ours?

Surely the sensible course would be to give every man enough to live well on, so as to guarantee the community against the possibility of a case of the malignant disease of poverty, and then to see that he earned it!

Thanks to our political ignorance and personal cowardice (fruits of poverty, both) the best initiation of a good life now procurable is life on an independent income. All sensible people aim at securing such an income, and are, of course, careful to legalize and moralize both it and all the actions and sentiments which lead to it and support it as an institution. What else can they do? They know, of course, that they are rich because others are poor. But they cannot help that: it is for the poor to repudiate poverty when they have had enough of it.

A man always prefers a pound to five shillings. To deplore this preference as sordid, and teach children that it is sinful to desire money, is to strain towards the extreme limit of impudence in lying and corruption in hypocrisy. The universal regard for money is the one hopeful fact in our civilization, the one sound spot in our social conscience. Money is the most important thing in the world. It represents health, strength, honor, generosity and beauty as conspicuously and undeniably as the want of it represents illness, weakness, disgrace, meanness and ugliness. It is only when it is cheapened to worthlessness for some and made impossibly dear to others, that it becomes a curse.

Money is the counter that enables life to be distributed socially. The first duty of every citizen is to insist on having money on reasonable terms; and this demand is not complied with by giving four men a few shillings each for ten or 12 hours' drudgery and one man 1,000 pounds for nothing. The crying need of the nation is not for better morals, cheaper bread, temperance, liberty, culture, redemption of fallen sisters and erring brothers, nor grace and love and fellowship, but simply for enough money. And the evil to be attacked is not sin, suffering, greed, priestcraft, kingcraft, demagogery, monopoly, ignorance, drink, war, pestilence, nor any of the other consequences of poverty, but just poverty itself.



Volunteers of America worker plays hostess to some of the organization's Santas.

"Working for the Volunteers of America, I've played Santa to thousands of youngsters during the last 16 years. I read a lot of minds, too, during the depression when people plodded past my cardboard chimney; folks are happy now and the carols, that gave them a far-away look while war almost blotted out the Christmas Spirit, make them smile and drop coins in the chimney.

"It's fun to have a part in the happy Christmases of so many youngsters. Most of those that I see come downtown with their mothers, and I try to get a nod of approval before I make any definite promises—kinda make sure the kids won't be disappointed.

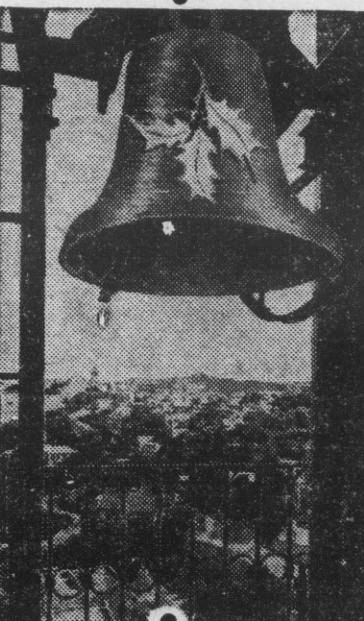
"Just the same, I can't help thinking about the kids I never see who want dolls 'nd dishes, drums and sleds, picture books, skates, trains . . . and boats; what a lot of helpers Santa needs to see that all these things get to the right places at the right time!

"Wish we could be sure there will be no broken hearts this Christmas."

### The Messiah' Ranks As Yuletide Favorite

Best known of all oratorios is Handel's "The Messiah," a favorite presentation of the Christmas season. In almost every community in the civilized world a choir will sing part or all of the oratorio during the Yuletide. People in places too remote to boast a sufficiently skilled choir or soloists will hear "The Messiah's" message by radio.

The famous oratorio was written by George Frederick Handel in London between August 22 and September 14, 1741. The first presentation



was in Fishamble Street Music hall, Dublin, on April 13, 1742, under direction of the composer.

Ladies were requested to "refrain from wearing hoops" and gentlemen to "leave their swords at home," in order that a capacity audience might swell the proceeds to relieve needy children and the inmates of debtors' prisons.

"The Messiah" was given its English premiere before the court at Covent Garden in March, 1743. George II was so overpowered by the grandeur of the music portraying the King of Kings that he sprang to his feet in reverent acclaim at the opening bars of the Hallelujah chorus, an action which led to the modern custom.

A good union man is a good American and a good citizen.

### JOY IN WORK

The idea of joy in one's work has long been ridiculed, but nevertheless it is fast taking root in the minds of many and proving its value and merit. Whether you work in an office or in a factory, you can take cheerfulness, willingness, and eagerness with you. The day's burdens are lightened, fatigue is kept away, and depression is not given a chance to envelop you. Such an attitude not only makes you good company for yourself, but for others as well. It soon becomes contagious and your associates adopt the idea. Then it is that ideal working conditions are brought about.

Dissatisfaction is responsible for most aversion to work. When we drown this dissatisfaction in a determination to make our work pleasant by bringing it into an atmosphere of joy and happiness, then and only then can we expect to live life as it should be lived.

### Ancient Civilization

Between the Caspian and Aral seas, Soviet scientists recorded traces of civilizations of herdsmen on the big Ust Urt plateau, where no life now exists. Resuming work begun in 1937 south of the Aral sea near Turkul, Soviet groups unearthed more relics of cultures of 4000 B.C. to A.D. 1600. On the Chukotki peninsula, across Bering strait from Alaska, Soviets found weapons, pottery and other objects tending to confirm that Asiatics were forebears of North American Indian types.

### Pennsy Units Ask New Rent Controls

Washington. — Sen. Francis J. Myers of Pennsylvania inserted in the Congressional Record appeals from AFL unions in 5 Pennsylvania cities and Pennsylvania Federation of Labor petitions for extension of federal rent controls to June 30, 1951.

The Pennsylvania Federation sent a copy of the resolution adopted at its May convention requesting a year more of rent curbs. Similar appeals were sent by AFL unions in Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Chester, Easton and Altoona.

### Famous Labor Firsts

The first record association of craftsmen in America was the Carpenters' Society of Philadelphia. That was 52 years before the signing of our Declaration of Independence, or away back in 1724. In those days, most of the construction carpenters did their own contracting, so the objective apparently was to protect and advance the interests of everyone in the trade, all being eligible for membership. This group left their patriotic mark, as many a labor organization has done since, by building as the home of the organization what was destined to become not only an American landmark, but world famous as well. That's Carpenters' Hall, in Philadelphia.

She said she felt like a young colt but she looked like an old 45.



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That our 40-hour average week provides production efficiency, plus more leisure than anywhere else?

That increased wages of working people have made possible the highest living standard in the world . . . not only for union men, but for all Americans? For a prosperous group of working people is the foundation for the prosperity of—everybody.

What brought about these changes—?

Mainly they were brought about by unions working together with fair employers under the American system of private enterprise, through the practice of collective bargaining. Through collective bargaining over the years, the American Federation of Labor has gained many objectives that seemed Utopian and visionary back in the 1880's.

**New Kind of Yarn**

"Orlon," a newly developed yarn that will be used to make everything from lingerie and dress shirts to tents and auto tops, will perhaps be in production by 1950, the National Patent Council reports. The fiber has qualities that will give it a wide variety of applications in which nylon and rayon will not equal its performance.

Although the synthetic yarn has many of the qualities of nylon, it is expected to supplement rather than compete with it in the industrial and domestic fabric fields, according to Du Pont, its originator.

The resistance of "orlon" to outdoor exposure is said to be excellent. High wet and dry tensile strength, rapid drying and resistance to stretching, acids, insects, molds and mildew are just a few of the properties attributed to it. Household curtains made of "orlon" will launder easily and minimize deterioration from sunlight.

The versatile new yarn is expected to be widely used in making rainwear and umbrella fabrics, jackets and sports clothing.

People who like to be pushed around will take to this new invention. It consists of a small gasoline engine and an air propeller fitted to the back of a frame that can be worn around the waist of a skater.

In case it's stolen, your car will turn into a bleating sheep through a newly patented device. Not in operation during normal use, the invention is controlled by a pendulum-actuated switch, which closes the alarm circuit and causes the horn to trumpet the car's theft.

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down. Brush entire lampshade surface, including newly applied cards, with the shellac. Let dry. The shellacking process may be repeated any number of times as each application serves to increase the durability of the lampshade. Pierce holes, about an inch apart, around top and bottom edges; lace with ribbons.

Wastebaskets, too, make attractive gifts. The cardboard variety, either oval or square in shape, can be secured in your local 5 and 10 or department store. Cover with plain paper or gift wrapping. Shellac, mount cards. Re-shellac—as with the lampshade.

Another trick! Select three cards of uniform size and theme—either religious, scenic or peasant, etc. Place them in inexpensive cardboard or wooden frames. Take a long strip of heavy satin ribbon with sewn-on bow at one end. Attach frames to ribbon in Victorian manner, i. e., one over the other. Then sew a hook on back of bow so ribbon may be hung from the wall.

A useful and colorful gift for the man of the house—especially if he happens to be a pipe smoker—is the large box of kitchen matches artistically "camouflaged" so Mother won't object to its presence in her newly "done over" living room. Cover all surfaces, with the exception of the sanded striking area, with strips of colorful designs taken from Christmas cards. Paste the cutout Christmas card designs on one or both of the large surfaces—shellac, allow to dry, and repeat process.

One of the simplest to make, yet most effective small gifts, is the bookmark. Cut out, in rectangular shape, the Christmas card design of your selection. Then tape a strip of good quality ribbon—either satin or grosgrain—to the back of the card so that the ribbon extends about three or four inches beyond its bottom edge. Scotch tape can be bought at most stationery and gift shops in colors, now, and it lends a more festive air than the usual transparent tape. It's a good idea, too, to give the card a coat or two of shellac so it will resist fingerprints and smudging.

Two blocks of wood, painted in pretty pastels, mounted with Christmas cards and shellacked are just the thing for the guest room bookends. In similar fashion wooden boxes can be "dressed up" with cutout floral Christmas card designs to serve as cigarette containers.

## MEN OF 65

The widespread practice of discharging men at 65 who are still perfectly able to work is fortunately being questioned by the Advisory Council of Social Security set up by the Senate Finance Committee. The council recently recommended that the government establish a commission to study the problem of the aged, including their employment opportunities.

Sixty-five years was fixed in the Social Security Act as the age at which workers could retire and draw the government's old-age annuities if they chose to do so. This provision had nothing compulsory in it and 925,000 workers over 65 have disregarded their social security pensions and still continue at their regular jobs. But when the government named 65 years, it set a national pattern which thousands of employers have made compulsory, to the grief of many of their employees and the lessening of production.

This issue was brought to the Advisory Council by its associate chairman, Prof. Sumner H. Slichter, the noted Harvard economist. He cited a study by the Social Security Board indicating that more than half of the men dropping out of employment at 65 had been discharged by their employers when they wanted to keep on. He reported the practice was growing.

Extension of the Social Security System to cover 20,000,000 workers now outside it, as often urged, would certainly increase such involuntary withdrawals from the labor force. Measures should be considered to protect workers over 65 from being forced into involuntary retirement. It is more than time that a commission was formed to study this question.—Christian Science Monitor.

## Cherry Tree Carol

The old Cherry Tree carol, or the legend upon which it is based, is undoubtedly the reason for the custom of placing a branch of cherry tree in water to bud for Christmas time.

According to this legend, Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem passed a tree loaded with cherries. Mary was hungry for some of the fruit and asked Joseph to pluck some cherries for her. The tree graciously bowed down so that Mary could pick the fruit herself.

It has been customary among the Czechs and Slovaks to take the branch of a cherry tree and place it in water in the late fall so that the buds reach the blossoming stage at Christmas time.

The belief was current that if the sprig blossomed by Christmas Eve, the girl who tended it would marry during the New Year.

## Mistletoe Distinct As Yule Decoration

Mistletoe, that distinctive Christmas green so common in many parts of America, is usually thought of as merely good holiday decoration or as a creator of open season on ladies fair for otherwise bashful swains.

Mistletoe did not always hold this position in our lives. The Druids called it "all-heal," and thought it held many miraculous virtues. The Scandinavians dedicated it to their goddess of love, Friga. Probably this goddess of love is responsible for the custom of kissing under the mistletoe.



The power to heal, to protect against sickness, to perform magic deeds—all these and more are the qualities ascribed to this plant in legends, traditions and even in ancient histories and literature.

Mistletoe is a parasite, which infests branches of various trees of both hardwood and conifers, but mainly on hardwoods. One species is found exclusively, however, on conifers.

Among the Celts and others mistletoe which grew from the oak was considered to have peculiar magical virtues not possessed by that from any other trees. Some even considered it so rare as to be only cut with a gold knife.

Another old tradition is that the mistletoe supplied the wood for the holy cross, as previous to that time it was a forest tree but after the crucifixion was condemned to exist only as a dwarf parasite.

Mistletoe was taken over into the Christian tradition in due course and dedicated to the Christ Child. An old rhyme reads:

The mistletoe bough  
At our Christmas board  
Shall hang to the honor  
Of Christ our Lord.

## Jews Celebrate the Festival of Lights

To the Orthodox Jews, the Christmas period was the "Festival of Lights," called Hanukkah or Chanukkah. Jewish history relates that in 165 B. C. a large force of Maccabees met and vanquished an army of Syrians.

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**Security Card Is Important**

If you work in business or industry, one of your most valuable possessions is your Social Security card. It is the key to the protection you are building for yourself and your family under the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance program of the Social Security Act.

Every three months, your employer files a report with the government, showing your name, your social security number, and the amount of your earnings. These records are kept by the Social Security Administration under your personal social security account.

When you reach the age of 65, Old-Age and Survivors Insurance provides a retirement income for life, based on your past earnings. If you die, your dependents have protection under the plan.

But your social security card won't serve you properly unless you use it properly. Follow these simple rules, and you can be sure that you and your family will get everything that is due from social security:

1. Show your card to each employer the first day you go to work. See that he writes down your name and account number exactly as they appear on the card.

Hold on to your card. If it wears out, or gets lost, apply immediately for a duplicate card, bearing the same number. There is no charge.

3. If you think one of your employers may not have reported your earnings correctly, ask the Social Security office to check up on it.

4. Tell your family about your card, and where you keep it. If anything happens to you, they should take the card to the Social Security office when they inquire about benefits.

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## UNION MEETINGS

There is a tendency on the part of local union officers to place the blame for a lack of attendance at meetings upon the members, and this limits it perhaps belongs to the officers. But this is stating only half the truth. The fault just as frequently lies with the officers themselves. It's no excuse to say that the members are not interested in meetings. Officers should look upon it as their responsibility to work up interest among the members in meetings. This can be done if the meetings are undertaken in the proper manner.

Members can't be expected to continue attendance at meetings if business at meetings is confined to a monotonous reading of dry, uninteresting reports without explanation from the officers of the practical meaning of such reports.

It is monotony at meetings that tends to deter members from attending. Members may attend uninteresting meetings once, twice or even three times, but after that they are likely to be seized by a what's-the-use feeling and stay away. Personal wrangling between union officers has a still more damaging effect upon attendance at meetings. Local union officers can't be expected to see eye to eye on all issues, and they have a right to disagree among themselves and to give expression to their disagreement, they should make it their business to debate their differences in an objective, impersonal and dispassionate manner. If this is done, it may serve to even arouse the members' interest in the meetings in the union's problems and serve to promote union education.

To accomplish this should be the purpose of all meetings. They might as well not be held if they repeatedly fail in this respect. Meetings should be so conducted that members will leave them with the feeling that they have learned something for their own good. It's what makes them come back.

SOAP AND WATER  
FOR MINOR HURTS

No scratch or cut should go without attention, because it can develop into a serious infection, but the best treatment is that most frequently omitted: Plain soap and warm water. The U. S. Bureau of Standards has a new booklet, Safety for the Household, which says that there is nothing as an ideal antiseptic. The most common antiseptic used is iodine, 2.5 per cent solution. However, even this mild solution can be very irritating, and should be used sparingly.

Some of the mercurial antiseptics which can be used with comparative safety are merthiolate, camphor, mercuric resorcin, and zephiran. But it is a common misconception that the use of antiseptics is sufficient to treat a wound. In fact, this is not the

case. The difficulty with heavy applications of antiseptic is that the solution used, if it is strong enough to kill germs, is also strong enough to damage the tissues of the body. To remember this rule: Use plenty of soap and warm water in treating skin abrasions.

## Force Coming?

He: "Your little wife made that cake with her own dear little hands!"

She: "Well, now, if my little wife has eaten that cake with her own little mouth I will be satisfied."

Only the fish ever get a good look at the world's longest mountain range. Called the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, it runs a full mile deep under almost the whole length of the Atlantic Ocean, says the National Geographic Society. A few of its highest peaks jut out above the sea to form the islands of the Azores, St. Paul Rocks, and some others.



ACTIVE ON JOB AND IN THE UNION.—George Addison, who was 83 years young on Oct. 29, puts in a full day's work at the National Bag Co. plant in Minneapolis. A member of Textile Workers Union (CIO), he has been shop steward of Local 36 since the plant was organized more than 13 years ago. (LPA)



BALTIMORE DEDICATION.—Harry Cohen, president of Maryland District of Columbia Federation of Labor, displays for banquet guests the plaque placed at the Samuel Gompers Vocational School, so designated in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of the AFL founder and first president.



ACCIDENT VICTIMS.—These two painters were working on a bridge at the New York Central railroad yard when the scaffold slipped and they fell 25 feet to the track below. Covered with black paint, the victims, Harry Paravarlos and Frank Pavich, await a police ambulance.



GERMAN YOUTH VISIT AFL.—AFL Pres. William Green is flanked by Miss Inge Hauptmanns, Dusseldorf, and Miss Ruth Eva Koehn, Berlin, two of a group of German trade union youth leaders visiting AFL headquarters during a 90-day study tour of the U. S.

"It's a great pity that things weren't so arranged that an empty head, like an empty stomach, wouldn't let its owner rest until he put something in it."—Olin Miller.

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This table, from the August 1 issue of The Wall Street Journal, shows how net profits (after taxes) have increased in April, May and June, 1950, compared with the same period in 1949:

Industry	Profit Increase
Aircraft	117
Autos and equipment	58
Building materials	79
Chemicals	70
Distillers	14
Drugs	24
Electrical and radio	60
Farm equipment	7
Floor coverings	152
Food products and baking	42
Iron and steel	58
Mining and metals	499
Office equipment	4
Petroleum products	17
Pulp and paper	68
Textiles	76
Tobacco	6
Tools and machinery	20
Other companies	34
Total 321 firms	47

NOTE: In two industries profits decreased. They went down 8 per cent in coal and 26 per cent in railway equipment.

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Originally the Cigar Makers' Union Label was a weapon for use against Chinese labor on the Pacific Coast, which was threatening to deal a blow at the American living standard from which it might never have recovered.

The Cigar Makers of the Pacific Coast cities first used a white label on all cigars to indicate they were made under union conditions and not by coolies in filthy sweatshops.

The Union Label's value quickly became apparent and in 1879 in St. Louis, the Cigar Makers' Union adopted a red label. At their convention in Chicago, in 1880 the present blue label was adopted.

From 1880 to 1890 the label idea continued to grow in popularity. Other unions shortly after also adopted Union Labels to show the consumer and union workers which products were manufactured under union conditions.

Every man and woman who buys Union Label goods and uses Union Service is making a safe investment. By patronizing Union Labels, Shop Cards and Union Service, you become stockholders in the greatest business of all times, stocks which pay the highest dividends.

By so doing, you are helping other union workers and yourself maintain decent living standards.

Your husband's union wages give you all the luxuries you enjoy in your home. Union wages give children an opportunity for a better education.

**WHY UNIONS?**

The subsistence-level theory of wages, which does not appear in the works of classical economists until early in the nineteenth century, was adopted in practice long before the term was invented. According to this theory, it is absolutely necessary to keep the working class in a state of abject poverty.

Prosperous working people threaten the stability of society. There was no place for a well-paid laborer. The idea is well expressed by an economic writer of the time who said: "Men possessed of no property, and capable of nothing but labor, are entitled to nothing but the means of daily subsistence." The prevailing idea, therefore, was to pay the worker just enough to keep him alive and propagate his kind.—W. W. WOODWARD in "A New American History."

**HOUSEHOLD HINTS**

Carrara glass makes a handy cutting board for the kitchen. For a long while it has been used on cutting tables in canning factories and food processing because it does not absorb odors or moisture. Grease, grime and acids don't hurt it, either.

To give that dull linoleum a long-lasting high gloss finish, use linoleum varnish. Applied easily, it gives a durable, clear polish which is resistant to water, alkali and alcohol. Makes cleaning easier, too, since dirt stays on the surface and may be wiped off easily.

Flower boxes are easy to keep in good shape by following these simple rules. Coat the inside with pitch, bore 1-inch drainage holes and then place pieces of broken stone or crockery over the holes to keep the soil from falling through them. Finish the outside with good quality house paint.

**Housing the Poor**

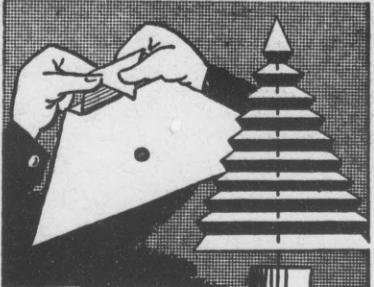
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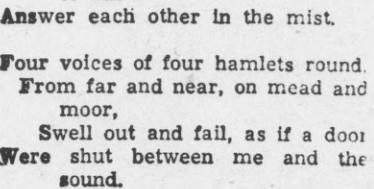
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Peace, Good-Will  
The time draws near the birth of  
Christ:  
The moon is hid; the night is  
still;  
The Christmas bells from hill  
to hill  
Answer each other in the mist.



Four voices of four hamlets round.  
From far and near, on mead and  
moor,  
Swell out and fail, as if a door  
Were shut between me and the  
sound.

Each voice four changes on the  
wind,  
That now dilate, and now  
decrease.

Peace and good-will, good-will  
and peace,

Peace and good-will, to all mankind

Tennyson.



(State Fed. Release)

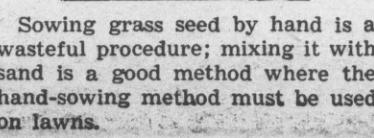
All units of the California Labor League for Political Education were this week urged to take quick advantage of educational services offered by the radio department of the national LLPE.

In a communication directed to the California leagues, Secretary C. J. Haggerty recommended that the local units write the Washington headquarters for registration recordings to be played at union meetings, on sound trucks or over radio stations.

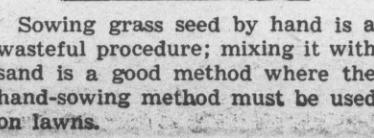
The five-minute recordings operate at ordinary phonograph speed (78 rpm) and are devoted to arguments favoring immediate voter registration by all citizens.

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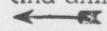
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# Christmas Traditions

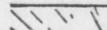
## WHAT THEY MEAN



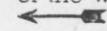
At one o'clock on Christmas morning, whenever they were free to do so, the cattle would turn their heads to the eastward, get down on their knees to worship the King that was born in a stable. During the Christmas season the barnyard cocks were accustomed to crow with more than usual force. Special food was provided for birds and animals.



To illustrate Clement Clark Moore's poem, "A Visit to St. Nichols," Thomas Nash located Santa's home at the North Pole and gave him a sleigh drawn by reindeer. He drew the familiar fat, merry old fellow with red cheeks and white beard, dressed in red, wearing a cap and boots, carrying a pack of toys and smoking a short pipe. Santa was given a spy-glass to locate the good children and a book in which to enter their names.



THE practice of placing burning candles in the windows on Christmas Eve is a continuation of an Irish custom, bound up with the thought of the Christ Child out alone in the cold and dark and requiring to be lighted on His way. The blazing Yule log, radiating warmth, was also emblematic of Christ as the light of the world.



TREES were first decorated by hanging apples and fruit on them. It was declared that all of the trees in the forest blossomed and bore fruit the night of our Lord's Nativity. The lights on the tree were a gift from Martin Luther, who one Christmas Eve saw the stars peering through the branches of the forest pines. Wanting to share the beauty, he brought home a lighted tree.



THE stockings the children of today hang by the fireplace were once the wooden shoes of the children of Amsterdam. With the passing of wooden shoes, the children hopefully begin to hang their stockings by the fire instead. The apples and nuts placed in the stockings are symbolic of love and fertility.



S. FRANCIS of Assisi is accredited as having been the popularizer of carol singing at Christmastime. He taught the faithful simple and tuneful melodies, and overjoyed by the success attending his presentation of the first Christmas Crib in 1223, he burst into joyous vocal recitation of the gospel story. One early bishop of the Church of England spoke of the angels' song on the morning of the nativity.



HOLLY, considered sacred by the Druids, who believed that its evergreen leaves attested to the fact that it was never deserted by the sun. Legends relate that the crown of thorns was plaited from the holly. Before the Crucifixion, the berries were white, but turned crimson like drops of blood. Whoever brings the Christmas holly into the house first, either husband or wife, is the one who will rule the ensuing year.



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### NOW SHE REMEMBERS

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"Oh, no. I'm the head of the Anti-Vice League."

"Well, I knew there was something I shouldn't offer you."

A local food market has a sign on the tomato rack which reads: "Don't squeeze me until I'm yours."

## Only Thing To Fear

Admittedly, there has been, and is, considerable confusion in the country today.

That confusion can mount or it can subside, in a day, a week, or a month . . . dependent upon how we, as individuals, control our fears.

Fear is an emotional fantasy; it has about the same effect on the mind as alcohol—except in the case of fear, you think instead of drink!

There are all kinds of fear in America today—fear of war, of communism, or unemployment, of depression, of a bed in which to sleep or food to eat.

Americans do not fear anything when they sit down and review the years behind them.

We have won all our wars.

We have licked all our depressions.

We have been out of jobs but we have survived and found new ones, better ones, invariably.

And we are still the richest nation in the world—the most powerful, the most productive.

It's an excellent time for Americans to remember and frequently repeat the blazing phrase coined by Franklin D. Roosevelt:

"The only thing to fear is FEAR!"

Fear and mental confusion are the emissaries of failure. Calm, intelligent thought and actions smash every problem.

Self-pity is a devastating poison: un-American, the label of a coward.

"The only thing to fear is FEAR!"

Let's repeat those words every day; not once, but many times—and face our problems with the grin of confidence which we, as Americans, have every right to display . . . 52 weeks in every year!

## Should Discard Outworn Beliefs About Unions

(Excerpts from a speech by Lt. Col. G. R. Creel, Office Chief of Staff, Public Information Service, U. S. Army.)

Today we are faced with the pre-eminent fact that if civilization is to survive, we must cultivate the science of human relations, the ability of all peoples, of all kinds, to live together and work together, in the same world, at peace.

There is always a lag, commonly referred to as a cultural lag. People change their behavior to accommodate a new device or invention. If it is a useful device, people change their day-to-day behavior to accommodate this new device. This may happen fairly soon, a matter of 10 or 15 years. Then considerably later on people change their system of beliefs to allow for the invention.

Let us look at some of the beliefs that are now obsolete by the march of events:

That men won't work unless they have to.

That we've always had depressions and always will.

That the open shop is the American way, and labor unions are foolish, if not wicked.

That all strikes are due to troublemakers.

That preachers are rather impractical people who wouldn't be likely to make good in business.

That you can't change human nature.

In a crowded bus in Kentucky, a lanky young man sat opposite a girl whose skimpy skirt kept creeping up over her knees. She fought a constant battle with it, pulling it down, but as soon as she released her hold, up it crept.

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**Switzerland Kept Xmas for Refugees**

Switzerland "kept" Christmas last year for the 20,000 refugee children who were being cared for within her borders as Europe celebrated its sixth wartime Christmas.

From France and Belgium, from Holland, Italy, Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia, and far distant Greece they had come—many of them orphans, many children without a country—traversing Europe by circuitous routes. Guided by peas-



Toys for refugee tots.

ants, Red Cross workers, Wehrmacht guards, and older children they arrived on foot, herded in cattle cars, traveling in groups.

A fraction of the millions of innocent victims of World War II, these refugee children were supposed to remain only two or three months so as to give other youngsters a chance to recuperate in neutral Switzerland. But in many cases, repatriation was delayed—parents were scattered or dead, battles still raged in areas whence the children had come, so they were allowed to remain and Switzerland, crowding them to her bosom, welcomed many, many others.

**Real St. Nicholas  
• Of 4th Century**

St. Nicholas is popularly associated with Christmas and gift-giving presumably because once during his mortal existence he reportedly endowed three dowerless maidens with three purses of gold.

Historically—as the Archbishop of Myra, Nicholas was a member of the council of Nicaea, in 325 A. D., Constantine the Great called together the theologians of the Christian world in the first complete general council of the entire Christian church.

The council, assembled near Constantinople, and presided over by the still unbaptized Constantine, proclaimed the first exact definition of Christian teaching—as embodied in the Nicene Creed—and marks the beginning of Christianity as it is understood today.

**We're Sure Lucky!**

I'm thankful that the shining stars are far beyond our reach, And that the rolling planets, too, Are deaf to human speech. If they were not, I'm very sure Rich men would own the skies, And manage the whole universe By "private enterprise."

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Actually, the sales price of each copy of a paper is less than the cost of producing it. That is why papers sell advertising space, which is their main source of income.

The larger papers subscribe to news services such as the Associated Press and the United Press. These are news and picture-gathering organizations with offices all over the world. They wire in their material to each subscribing paper.

Our press has its faults. Many papers still concern themselves more with crimes and scandal than with reporting important current events. Free to say what they want, the papers are pouring out a huge volume of news to keep the general public in the dark as to the facts of life on politics and big business.

### Who Is Labor

Sixty-eight million American men friends, the people who live next door to you, the man who lives upstairs, the people who pay 80 per cent of the taxes of the United States, the people who supplied 75 per cent of the armed forces in time of war, the people who have built this great country and who have contributed their time and money and their blood in every important moment of its existence, the people who today merely ask to be treated as Americans. This is Labor!

### Joint Action in N. Y.

New York. - For the first time in the history of the New York printing trades, agreement has been reached by nine AFL and CIO unions representing 20,000 newspaper workers on joint action against the publishers' bloc.

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**SENSE**—Something a horse possesses that keeps him from betting on people.

**CLASSES**—Among women there are three—the intellectual, the beautiful, and the majority.

**EGOTIST**—A man who tells you things about himself which you intended to tell him about yourself.

**FOOLS**—Those who know something about everything, little about anything, and everything about nothing.

**LETTERS**—Something that should be long enough to cover the subject and short enough to create interest, like a woman's skirt.

## Oyster vs. Alligator

One night the center of attraction at a National Arts Club dinner was the famous Chickasaw Indian painter, Red-Feather Colbert, attired in full tribal regalia, including a magnificent necklace made of savage-looking teeth alternating with lumps of raw turquoise.

One lady guest, greatly admiring the necklace, inquired about the teeth.

"Alligator teeth," the Indian replied with some reserve.

Fearing she had somehow caused offense, the lady placatingly remarked, "I suppose they are about the same to you as pearls are to us."

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**A Scab Is the Lowest of All**

(The following description of a scab was written many years ago by Jack London, famous novelist. It is reprinted by request.)

After God had finished the rattlesnake, the toad, the vampire, He had some awful substance left with which He made a scab.

A scab is a two-legged animal with a corkscrew sort, a waterlogged brain, a combination backbone of jelly and glue. Where others have hearts, he carries a tumor of rotten principles.

When a scab comes down the street, men turn their backs and angels weep in heaven, and the devil shuts the gates of hell to keep him out.

No man has a right to scab so long as there is a pool of water to drown his carcass in, or a rope long enough to hang his body with. Judas Iscariot was a gentleman compared with a scab. For betraying his master, he had character enough to hang himself. A scab has not.

Esau sold his birthright for a mess of pottage. Judge Iscariot sold his Savior for 30 pieces of silver. Benedict Arnold his country for a promise of a commission in the British army. The modern strikebreaker sells his birthright, his country, his wife, his children, and his fellowmen for an unfilled promise from his employer, trust or corporation.

Esau was a traitor to himself; Judas Iscariot was a traitor to his God; Benedict Arnold was a traitor to his country. A strikebreaker is a traitor to his God, his country, his wife, his family and his class.

A REAL MAN NEVER BECOMES A STRIKEBREAKER.

You owe it to yourself and the U.S.A.: Register and vote.

## 10 Reasons Why Women Should Join an Auxiliary

Issued by the American Federation of Women's Auxiliaries of Labor, A. F. of L.

1. Because the home comforts you enjoy, the education and social pleasures for your family, depend upon the earning power of your union.
2. Because your union deserves all the cooperation and support you can give it.
3. Because your union covers you with the best insurance for a better education of your children and for the better things of life.
4. Because your union gives you increased spending power if it is spent for union merchandise and union service.
5. Because your union stands for the protection of men, women and children employed in industry.
6. Because your union is faced with present anti-union laws, this challenge to the organized workers must be met and every effort to repeal them deserves your loyal support.
7. Because your women relatives should understand your problems and be educated in the principles for which trade unions are organized.
8. Because women played an important part in the past war, they will continue to take part in labor's problems if you will ask them to join an auxiliary.
9. Because 85 per cent of union-earned money is turned over to the woman in the home and her purchasing power is of tremendous importance in this economic battle of justice for the workers.
10. Perhaps you are a good union man; you no doubt wear Union Labels and patronize Union services, but where is your union wife, mother, daughter and sister? Do they belong to an auxiliary? If not, why not?

## Foreman to the Fore

The foreman's ability determines the success or failure of any accident prevention program.

A good foreman KNOWS WHAT has to be done . . . . . knows the accident frequency of his plant and department. Has the safety rules down pat and can prove their efficiency.

He KNOWS HOW to direct his men in safe, efficient working methods. Can drive home his safety instructions with examples from his own experience. Can persuade old-timers to develop new, safer habits.

He stands his ground fairly and firmly in face of argument or ridicule but KNOWS WHEN to concede his own mistakes and KNOWS WHEN to give the other fellow credit.

Finally, he EDUCATES his men to the why's and ENFORCES established rules when enforcement is necessary for safe operations. Incidentally, his men like him; even respect him . . . he's a square guy.

Old maids look for husbands every day—Business Agents' wives look for husbands every night.

## Don't Miss This Bet

If you are entitled to Social Security payments—the old age insurance for which you have been paying—and if you fail to apply for it, you lose. You cannot come in months late and draw back-pay. Something to remember, what?

In case you have worked for employers who failed to make their payments to the government after taking it out of your wages, you must take action within four years, or lose your benefits. That is why it is a mighty good idea to go to your Social Security office and inquire. You will be given a postcard which you can fill out and mail, and in a few weeks you will receive accurate information as to the standing of your account.

This from a British paper:

A man who is periodically arrested and fined for over-convivial behavior in his native town recently got into similar trouble in London and was fined 40 shillings.

"Your worship," he protested, "may I point out that at home I am fined only 10 shillings for this offence?"

"You can hardly expect," replied the magistrate, "to have a London celebration at provincial prices."

## Better Meeting Attendance

Now is NOT the time to stop attending meetings. It is too much that men should know about their own affairs as well as the political picture, information obtainable only by attending union meetings. Make it your business to be present at business sessions of your union and participate actively in what goes on.

## Christmas Was At One Time Ill!

The Puritans disliked the celebration of Christmas, preferring their own celebration of Thanksgiving.

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## Take Care of Tools

Garden tools are made to take a lot of wear but don't be too careless with them.

The wood used for tools handles is a special variety, highly resistant to moisture. However, that doesn't mean tools should be left outside in rainy weather. To protect the wood, keep it well covered with paint. And keep the tools indoors.

By the way, it's also a good idea to paint that metal portion of a garden tool which does not come into contact with the ground. For best results use a red lead priming coat topped with two coats of exterior paint.

The cutting edges of shovels and hoes should be examined regularly. The blade should be kept clean with steel wool. Small nicks and dents can be taken care of with a metal file.

If the handle breaks, it isn't always necessary to dispose of it. Your neighborhood hardware store generally has wood handles with rivets for attachment. Diagonal splits in the wood handle may be repaired by winding wire or strong cord along the length of the break. Don't spare the wire or cord. Put on more than enough to insure strength.

## Five Commandments

1. Don't be a sucker. Be honest; indicate limitations, weaknesses, and failures; but don't overlook the partial successes and the positive features of some defeats. Once having made some progress with the inactive person, follow it up and consolidate it.

2. Let the individual recognize your genuine interest in him. Give each person individual attention. Use the general principles outlined above, but never forget that each person is different. Flexibility is your greatest virtue, for you are in a living situation. Treat it as such and not simply as a task which must be done or as an attempt to get someone to do a specific job.

3. Be considerate. Don't overwhelm the person or try to force the issue. There is a difference between being emphatic and bludgeoning the individual. Be patient; don't rush. Hastily won people can be lost just as quickly.

4. Don't adopt a holier-than-thou or know-it-all attitude. Show that you are working on your own problems and have arrived at certain conclusions which you would like to pass on to him.

5. Be concrete. Strive to relate long-range goals to direct, present-day problems. Talk about the things he reads in the papers or hears on the radio. The difference of your interpretation of these events from those of the editorials will stimulate his interest.

## ULTRA-VIOLET RAYS IMPROVE HEALTH OF WORKERS

With the improvement in the design of factories and working conditions, including a shorter working week, the health of industrial workers in Australia has reached a high standard, but some causes of absenteeism or lost time still remain a problem.

Science has yet to find an effective method of ensuring general immunity from the common cold, and factories and offices lose thousands of man-hours a year from this one simple complaint.

It is probable that just as many people catch colds when traveling to work, or in crowded places of amusement, as during working hours, but experiments have shown that preventive measures in factories and offices are well worth while.

Four Sydney (Australia) factories which installed ultra-violet lamps during last winter all reported a reduction in absenteeism from colds. In one factory the reduction in the number of colds was as great as 75 per cent. A more conclusive result was obtained in a factory where the ultra-violet lamps were used on one floor, but not on another. Colds were less prevalent on the floor protected by the lamps.

Another incidental discovery made in the course of the experiments was that the lamps apparently increase resistance to fatigue. In one factory it had been noted that efficiency declined in the afternoon, but this no longer happened after the lamps had been installed.

## Playing It Safe

Here are some Red Cross tips for avoiding accidents:

While the Red Cross doesn't exactly advocate walking under ladders, it insists there's more danger in tripping over a curb to avoid the practice.

It doesn't find fault with shying away from black cats in one's path, but feels it more important for pedestrians to keep out of the path of automobiles, black or any other color.

The worst thing about breaking a mirror is not 7 years bad luck, according to the old saw, but the danger of cutting one's finger on the broken pieces, the Red Cross contends. Sweep up the pieces with a broom and a dust pan, the warning reads.

Finally, the Red Cross cautions the public to follow simple precautions to prevent accidents

## LITTLE OL' SANTA

The little ol' Santa propped under our tree . . . is little the worse for wear . . . he's lost a leg and an arm, you see . . . but no one seems to care. Not that we're unsympathetic, rather, we are just a bit nostalgic.

Time was when our Santa, bright and new, benignly welcomed Tommy and Sue . . . as they tiptoed downstairs to see . . . their presents spread beneath the tree . . . very early Christmas morning.

Tho' Tommy and Sue have outgrown their toys . . . and entwined their hearts with grown-up joys . . . that little ol' Santa, propped under the tree, symbolizes Christmas—as Christmas ought to be . . . with toys for children, good will among men . . . on earth, Peace dawning.

Dorothea Waitzmann

An elderly woman had been to hear her nephew preach for the first time, and she thought it a very poor sermon.

Later that day she asked, "James, why did you enter the ministry?"

"Because I was called," he answered.

"James," said the aunt, looking solemnly at him, "are you sure it wasn't some other noise you heard?"

Attend union meetings!

## Do You Know --

—that the city of Leningrad, Russia, is often referred to as a city "built on bones" because so many laborers lost their lives in the difficult task of building the city on piles?

—that South Carolina was the first State to secede from the Union, the date being December 20, 1860?

—that the State of Tennessee was originally named "Franklin"?

—that the call letters of all the radio stations in this country begin either with the letter W or the letter K?

—that newspapers date back to the time of the Roman Empire?

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